

## CLAIMS

1. A method, comprising:

initializing a program on a file server, the program being capable of creating an account;

5        requesting the account from a requestor, the requestor being capable of bypassing communication to an administrator; and

processing a request for the account wherein the program is capable of processing the request and bypassing an intervening administrator action.

10        2. A method of claim 1, wherein initializing the program includes activating the program, the program being capable of operating continuously.

3. A method of claim 1, wherein requesting the account includes transmitting an account identifier to the program.

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4. A method of claim 1, wherein processing the request includes executing operations when the program receives an account identifier.

5. A method of claim 4, wherein processing the request further includes  
20        checking for mode enablement and checking for an account limitation.

6. A method of claim 4, wherein processing the request further includes resolving an account identifier and manipulating security tokens.

7. A method of claim 4, wherein processing the request further includes creating a directory and configuring software settings.

8. A method of claim 7, wherein creating a directory includes allocating  
5 locations on a directory tree structure.

9. A method for account creation without administrator intervention, comprising:

initializing a program, the program being capable of monitoring a network  
10 connection for an account request;

receiving the account request and authenticating an account identifier for a new account; and

processing the account request by creating a location in a structure managed by an operating system for maintaining accounts.

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10. A system for creating an account without an administrator action, comprising:

a requestor operating on a client, the client being coupled to a connector, wherein the requestor is capable of requesting the account; and

20 a program capable of continuous operation on a file server, the file server being coupled to the connector, wherein the program is capable of monitoring a connection point for a request to create the account and subsequently creating the account.

11. A system for creating an account without an administrator action of claim 10, further comprising a database for authenticating an account identifier.

12. A system for creating an account without an administrator action of claim 5 11, wherein the program is coupled to the database.

13. A system for creating an account without an administrator action of claim 11, further comprising a directory in a directory tree structure.

10 14. A system for creating an account without an administrator action of claim 13, wherein the program initiates at least one process to create the directory.

15. A network, comprising:  
a first computer coupled to a network connector, the first computer being  
15 capable of requesting the creation of an account; and  
a second computer coupled to the network connector, the second computer  
being capable of creating the account without administrator intervention.

16. A network of claim 15, further comprising a network attached storage  
20 (NAS) device coupled to the network connector, the NAS device being capable of  
storing the account.

17. A network of claim 15, further comprising a database coupled to the  
network connector, the database capable of providing data to authenticate an account  
25 identifier.

18. A network of claim 15, wherein the network connector is capable of facilitating file sharing.

5           19. A network of claim 16, further comprising a directory in a directory structure.

20. A network of claim 19, wherein the directory structure is a tree structure.

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